

Amendment

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIMS DATA PROVIDED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYERS."

- After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 3-123ccc of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
- 5 (a) Nonstate public employers and nonprofit employers may apply 6 for coverage under a partnership plan in accordance with this section.
- 7 [(1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, initial
- 8 and continuing participation in a partnership plan by a nonstate public
- 9 employer shall be a permissive subject of collective bargaining and
- shall be subject to binding interest arbitration only if the collective
- 11 bargaining agent and the employer mutually agree to bargain over
- 12 such participation.]
- [(2)] (1) If a nonstate public employer or a nonprofit employer

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submits an application for coverage for all of its respective employees, the Comptroller shall accept such application upon the terms and conditions applicable to the partnership plan, for the next open enrollment. The Comptroller shall provide written notification to such employer of such acceptance and the date on which such coverage shall begin, pending acceptance by such employer of the terms and conditions of such plan.

- [(3)] (2) (A) Except as specified in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision, if a nonstate public employer or a nonprofit employer submits an application for coverage for less than all of its respective employees, or indicates in the application the employer will offer other health plans to employees who are offered a partnership plan, the Comptroller shall forward such application to a health care actuary not later than five business days after receiving such application. Not later than sixty days after receiving such application, such actuary shall notify the Comptroller whether, as a result of the employees included in such application or other factors, the application will shift a significant part of such employer's employees' medical risks to the partnership plan. Such actuary shall provide, in writing, to the Comptroller the specific reasons for such actuary's finding, including a summary of all information relied upon in making such a finding.
- (B) If the Comptroller determines that, based on such finding, the application will shift a significant part of such employer's employees' medical risks to the partnership plan, the Comptroller shall not provide coverage to such employer and shall provide written notification and the specific reasons for such denial to such employer and the Health Care Cost Containment Committee.
- (C) If the Comptroller determines that, based on such finding, the application will not shift a significant part of such employer's employees' medical risks to the partnership plan, the Comptroller shall accept such application for the next open enrollment. The Comptroller shall provide written notification to such employer of such acceptance and the date on which such coverage shall begin, pending acceptance

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47 by such employer of the terms and conditions of such plan.

(D) If an employer included less than all of its employees in its application for coverage because of (i) the decision by individual employees to decline coverage from their employer for themselves or their dependents, or (ii) the employer's decision not to offer coverage to temporary, part-time or durational employees, the Comptroller shall not forward such employer's application to a health care actuary.

- 54 (b) The Comptroller shall consult with a health care actuary who 55 shall develop:
 - (1) Actuarial standards to assess the shift in medical risks of an employer's employees to a partnership plan. The Comptroller shall present such standards to the Health Care Cost Containment Committee for its review, evaluation and approval prior to the use of such standards; and
 - (2) Actuarial standards to determine the administrative fees and fluctuating reserves fees set forth in section 3-123eee and the amount of premiums or premium equivalent payments to cover anticipated claims and claim reserves. The Comptroller shall present such standards to the Health Care Cost Containment Committee for its review, evaluation and approval prior to the use of such standards.
 - (c) The Comptroller may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish the procedures and criteria for any reviews or evaluations performed by the Health Care Cost Containment Committee pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or subsection (c) of section 3-123ddd."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2014	3-123ccc